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Selectmen go with Plante for Tax Collector

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The July 27 Selectmen's Meeting was well attended as several new agenda items were brought before the Board.

Interviews were held to fill the vacancy of retired town collector Marie Collachio. Since May, the elected position has been filled on a temporary basis by town treasurer David Cofske who indicated that he would be submitting his resignation letter by August 23.

Cristo prefaced the interviews by announcing that two candidates had withdrawn their names from consideration: John Hayes and Jennifer Belisle. No reason was offered by any board member for the withdrawals.

[The Chronicle was told that Hayes was approached by a member of the Board of Selectmen and asked to withdraw his application for the position and to instead apply for the position of administrative assistant formerly held by Earl Chase. According to the Chronicle's source, Hayes was promised a vote for the administrative assistant's position if he withdrew.

When Board members were asked if they had in fact made such a request to Hayes, Cristo, Gauthier and Plante replied in the negative. Bleau and Lachance did not respond.

When asked how a selectman could make that promise since there is a search committee in place whose responsibility it is to come up with a list of finalists, both Cristo and Lachance said the search committee would be sending the Board the names of three candidates from which they could choose.

In a telephone interview, Hayes acknowledged that he was contacted by Selectman Roland Lachance prior to his withdrawal. Hayes also said, "I would not know any one of the Selectmen if I was to run into them on the street."

Hayes then offered the following explanation:

"He (Lachance) called me, he said, to ask me a couple of questions about my resume for the town collector's position. I led the conversation to an issue reported in the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle and the Telegram & Gazette that indicated the Selectmen were looking to enhance the position of Administrative Assistant. He (Lachance) verified the Board was looking at doing that. It was after

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Newspaper cost increase

Effective September 1, 1993, the annual subscription rate to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle will increase to $8.00 per year. The newsstand rate will increase to .35 per copy.

U14 Girls Soccer Team Wins Sweden's Gothia Cup and Denmark's Dana Cup

Pride of New England, a local select team, made soccer history July 19 through 23. This was the first time since the Swedish Gothia Cup tournament originated 19 years ago that a US girls team has won and only the second time any USA team has won. It is also the first time that two US teams played off in the finals. The score in the final game was 2-1 against a team from Colorado. The roster included two players from Sutton: Magan Lytle and Melissa Philbrook.

The girls continued on to Denmark where they successfully competed for the Dana Cup, returning with the Cup to the U.S. on August 1. The Prince of Denmark personally presented each team member with a necklace.

School Reform may put Sutton in debt

By Patricia A. Cooney

SUTTON - Those present at the July 26th meeting of the Sutton School Committee were: Chairwoman Sue Horne, Neil Newton, Ann Fox, Alison Snyder and Victor Kourey.

Superintendent Gordon Spence asked to review the FY'94 school budget in order to present recommendations regarding adjustments to the previously approved budget based on the additional revenue to be received through "school reform" legislation.

"I believe on the 26th of February the school committee approved a budget of $5,139,000 to go to the Town Meeting," Spence said. "And what you people did in effect was that you went to the Town Meeting and presented it and in effect the Town voted you $4,321,000. So we walk away from that meeting with less money than you put in your budget."

He continued, "I think you understood that problem we would have when we were sort of waiting for school reform, and we have to interpret what the General Court did down there. So what I've attempted to do is to demonstrate to you what we had for fiscal '93 and compare my best estimates for fiscal '94."

It was then noted that Sutton can expect $320,000 from the State which includes School Choice money. The figure is based on last year. Also, in the future the schools can no longer take in Special Needs students who generated tuition money, unless they come under School Choice. Any Special Needs student now in the system can stay as well as any sibling now with the system. All future Special Needs students will have to be enrolled under School Choice and that money will be part of what the State gives the Town each year.

It was also noted that in order to receive the $320,000, the Town itself will have to come up with $110,00. "If you don't get $110,00 you don't get the $320,00," said Spence. He noted that all the figures were tentative and could change. "We have not received the Cherry Sheet yet, I'm assuming that we will get the $320,000 anyway and if the Town doesn't give us whatever the State considers our fair share, then they penalize the Town, and I assume that they will penalize it in the fiscal '95 Cherry Sheet and not the fiscal '94 Cherry Sheet."

Spence then informed the Committee that he thought they should plan on the $320,000 and put on new staff that is needed but hold off on the appointment of an elementary guidance counselor and a music and art teacher on the secondary level.

Kourey asked if the state budget had been finalized?

To this Spence answered, "Yes, the State has finalized it but we have not received the Cherry Sheet and someone said to me, 'How does the Town come up with another $100,000 out of General Government?' The ways outlined were to get an exemption from some capital expenditure, an override of 2 1/2 or cut the General Government side."

Ann Fox asked Spence if he had spoken to Town Administrator Dexter Blois.

Spence said he had and that there might be a problem if the Town has to raise additional money.

Under the new reform bill, if a community has a ratio of expending (as an example) 60% for schools and 40% for General Government, now the money for schools is automatically directed to the Schools and the Town would have to operate on the remaining funds. It now makes the schools better off but general government could have a prob-

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Duck Season Is Officially Open!

Duck season is officially open! Rubber duck season that is! On Saturday, August 14, thousands of rubber ducks will gather in a flock on the Blackstone River in Millbury to race down river to compete for fabulous prizes. The first annual MS "Duck Derby" is the newest fund raiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Massachusetts Chapter.

Each duck is numbered and is up for adoption for a $5.00 donation. Ducks will begin the race course together and in the end, the first six to cross the finish line at Goretti Supermarket in Millbury will win. Many generous businesses have donated great prizes to be awarded to these lucky ducks.

Race prizes include two round trip airline tickets to any destination that Continental Airline flies, Airfare and accommodations for two to Orlando Florida for three nights, including a rental car, and a $500 gift certificate compliments of the Auburn Mall plus more!

The MS "Duck Derby" is a "fun for all ages" event. Adoptive duck owners can come cheer their ducks on as they race down the river or choose to pull them from home. All winners will be contacted the week of August 16, and you need not be present to win. For more information on how to adopt your lucky duck, pick up official adoption papers at the Auburn Mall or call Duck Headquarters at (413) 731-5362.

Multiple Sclerosis is the most common neurological disease of the central nervous system. It generally strikes young adults between the ages of 20 and 40. Its symptoms vary widely and can range from blurred vision to total paralysis. To date, there is no known cure for this disease.

The MS "Duck Derby" will benefit the national research effort and will provide vital chapter services to the 6,000 Massachusetts residents and their families who live day to day with the uncertainties of multiple sclerosis.

Residents asked to limit water consumption

MILLBURY - The Massachusetts-American Water Company is asking its consumers in Millbury to cooperate and limit their water consumption. The excessively dry and hot weather that has persisted these past two weeks has resulted in reduced storage in the system's tanks...

Outside use of water for lawn sprinkling is discouraged. This reduction in water demand will allow the storage tanks to be replenished.

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We The People...

Emotions run high over spill

To the Editor:

The residents who live and work on Creeper Hill and Faulkner Roads near Wyman-Gordon's North Grafton plant are furious at having to drink bottled water daily. We are livid for always having to worry about using water from our faucets when showering or bathing. We are outraged that Wyman-Gordon has discontinued water testing based on its opinion that our drinking water is "safe." We are enraged that our health and emotional well-being are gravely threatened. We are exasperated that there has been a monstrous stigma placed on our entire area which has driven our property values down to zero. We, the residents, are very angry that we will have to pay many thousands of dollars to tie into the Grafton Water District.

The residents strongly believe that Wyman-Gordon should pay for the full amount of the project because after a spill of 2,500 gallons of nitric acid at Wyman-Gordon's North Grafton plant on January 5th, tests have turned up elevated levels of tetrachloroethylene in neighborhood wells. However, Wyman-Gordon denies that the contamination of these wells has any connection with the nitric acid spill of January 5th. The EPA has fined Wyman-Gordon $30,000 for an environmental violation connected to the nitric acid spill at their North Grafton plant on January 5th.

In short, the residents are definitely getting the short end of the stick. The residents have one question for the town of Grafton: What are you doing to help us solve these serious problems? We would very much like to know what your plans are. After all, we live, or work, and pay taxes year in and year out to the town of Grafton. These problems will not just disappear because they are inconvenient to some people, but rather will greatly intensify if they are not addressed and resolved satisfactorily for the residents.

Scott Wolfe
Worcester

Thank You...

The Millbury Lioness Club would like to thank all the businesses and residents for their generous contributions and continuous support throughout this year. Through your continuous dedication we were able to continue our many commitments to the needs and wants of many town projects.

We would also at this time like to send a big Thank You to our acting President, Maxine Mayotte, for coming forward and making our year a successful one.

The following is a list of some of the many projects that we were able to fulfill: D.A.R.E. Program, Quest Program, participant in the Summer Games for the Deaf, Woolie World, Friends of the Millbury Bandstand, Charles F. Minney Post, two scholarships for the Dollars for Scholars, Journey for Sight Walk-A-Thon, 6 chairs for a needy Millbury family, feed elderly at the Congregate Housing (twice), 7 Thanksgiving baskets to Millbury residents, 15 Christmas baskets to Millbury residents, 4 fruit baskets to elderly centers, Millbury Public Library Fund, Christmas presents for the children through the Lions Club, Timothy Eckland Fund, Adopt-A-Family, Food Bank for Homeless Veterans, Florida Relief, Clara Barton Camp, Lazareth Donor Program, Youth Speech Contest, Sightmobile, LCIF, Joslin Clinic for Diabetic Boys, Sight and Hearing Fund, Campaign Sight First, Massachusetts Eye Research Fund and many more.

We look forward to serving the town of Millbury again this year and know we will have the support from all. Thanks again.

The Millbury Lioness Club

Obituaries

Dora B. Vanderlinden

MILLBURY - Dora B. (Mathurin) Vanderlinden, 68, of 301 Colonial Drive, died July 19th in her home after a long illness.

Her husband, Robert A. Vanderlinden, Sr. died in 1974. She leaves two sons, Robert E. Vanderlinden of Sutton and Timothy L. Vanderlinden of Millbury; a daughter, Donna J. Vanderlinden of Arlington; a sister, Linda A. Olson of Worcester; three granddaughters; two aunts; nephews and nieces. She was born in Worcester, a daughter of the late Anthony N. and Bernadette (Couture) Mathurin and lived here all of her life. She graduated from Millbury High School in 1942 and from the former Becker Junior College in Worcester.

Mrs. Vanderlinden was a bookkeeper at Central Supply Co. in Worcester for four years, retiring in 1987. She previously was a bookkeeper for three years at Sullivan Tire Co., then in Worcester. Mrs. Vanderlinden was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and of its former St. Anne's Sodality. She was a founding member and first president of the Parent-Teachers Guild of Our Lady of the Assumption School. She was also a volunteer in the Millbury Meals on Wheels program.

The funeral was held July 21st from the Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Burial followed in Central Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice Program, Visiting Nurse Association of Central Massachusetts, 120 Thomas Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

Louise A. Benoit

MILLBURY - Louise A. (Paille) Benoit, 80, of Lanessa Extended Care Facility, Webster, formerly of Worcester and Millbury, died July 27th in Hubbard Regional Hospital, Webster, after a long illness.

Her husband, Leo J. Benoit, died in 1977. She leaves a daughter, Dori L. Ashton of Millbury; a brother, Walter R. Paille of Millbury; a sister, Alice B. Ballard of Millbury; two granddaughters, Lorrie A. Thompson of Millbury, and Robin A. Duca of Kansas City, KS; two great-grandsons; nephews and nieces. She was born in Attleboro, a daughter of the late Louis P. and Laura (Roberts) Paille, and had lived for most of her life in Millbury before moving to Worcester in 1975. She lived there until moving to Webster in 1987.

Mrs. Benoit was an assembler at the former Rice Dobbie Chain Co. in Millbury for four years until retiring in 1969. Previously, she owned and operated her own custom braided rug business for many years. She had also been a hairdresser for many years at the former Sherer Department Store in Worcester.

Mrs. Benoit was a former member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Worcester, St. Mark's Parish in Sutton, and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Millbury.

The funeral was held July 30th from Turgeon Funeral Home, 654 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass in St. Mark's Church, Sutton. Burial followed in Central Cemetery, Millbury. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

Charles G. Kleiza, Jr.

MILLBURY - Charles G. Kleiza, Jr., 75, of 10 Upton Street, died July 22nd in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, Geraldine C. (Downey) Kleiza; a son Charles G. Kleiza III of Oxford; a daughter, Geraldine C. Casey of Millbury; three sisters, Mary Buell of Worcester, Ann Nugent of Rochdale, and Stacia Haag of Alexandria, Virginia; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; nieces and nephews. He was born in Worcester, son of Charles G. Kleiza, Sr. and Josephine (Buracyk) Kleiza and lived in Worcester before moving here 42 years ago. He graduated from the former Commerce High School in 1937.

Mr. Kleiza was a maintenance-machinist at Wyman Gordon Co. in Grafton for 30 years, retiring in 1983. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Millbury Fire Department's Engine #5 for 25 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of St. Brigid's Church and a charter member of the Auburn Elks, in Auburn.

The funeral was held July 24th from the Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main Street with a Mass at St. Brigid's Church, 59 Main Street. Burial was in St. Brigid's Cemetery.

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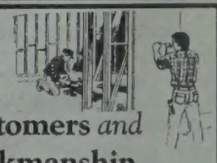
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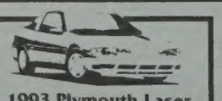
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that that I wrote a letter to withdraw as a candidate for the Town Collector's position. I think I also sent a letter and my resume for the administrative assistant's position at that same time to the Selectmen's Office."

Candidates Mike Ragaini, Ed Cooney Jr. and Jennifer Belisle were asked if they had been contacted by any member of the board of selectmen and questioned on their qualifications. All three responded in the negative. Belisle said she phoned Selectman Donald Gauthier at approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday evening, July 27, prior to the board's meeting to inform him of her withdrawal as a candidate. At that time, Belisle said, Gauthier told her he was not even aware that she was a candidate.]

Prior to the interviews, selectman Bernard Plante stepped down to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest since his former wife, Evelyn Plante, was one of the candidates. The other candidates were Edward J. Cooney Jr. and Michael Ragaini.

[The responses from each individual are taken from a tape recording of the interviews.]

Cooney was up first. He said he is pursuing a degree in economics from Worcester State College and has completed an associates degree in opticianary. "I have dealt with the public with all age groups," Cooney said. "This has afforded me the opportunity to deal with providing them with all the information they might need. I also have a degree in computer programming from Central New England College which would make it convenient for the tax collector's office to be able to upgrade any computer systems they might need as well as help the department to monitor its collections.

"I have a 25 year history in the town, which has been good to me in that I have benefitted as a youth from its sports programs, the education I have received and the opportunity I received from the town to go on to Worcester Industrial Tech. I think it is time for me to give something back to the town. This opportunity is best suited for my abilities, and in this position I can use my managerial and supervisory skills to run this office. The person who ran this office prior to her retirement had one of the highest collection rates in the state, I believe, for a tax department. I don't really think that needs a lot of improvement but somebody to be in there to maintain good timely tax collections so the town can best benefit from the revenues and the town can best expand services. We are coming into a phase in this town with the Mass. Pike Interchange proposed within this next decade and this office is going to have to be on top of things in order to keep the revenues flowing in as new businesses and new people come in. This will require a person with good managerial experience. I feel my background in 20 years of managerial positions in the retail and health care field can be carried over to this position. I feel I can do the best of any of the candidates in that respect."

Cristo asked Cooney, as he did all candidates interviewed, "What is the primary function of the town collector's position?"

Cooney replied, "I think the most important thing for the collector is to be sure the monies are coming into town accounts in a timely fashion. Money that is sitting out there isn't doing the town any good. I think that's the primary function of the town tax collector. Secondarily, it needs someone who has the ability to work with different types of people. In dealing with the public there are issues that can come up that require tact and empathy in some situations as well as a firm hand to insure that people are getting their taxes in on time."

Cristo asked Cooney, "Do you know what a demand is?"

Cooney replied, "No, I am not familiar with that term."

Cristo then asked if he understood the function of a deputy collector?"

"As I understand it," Cooney replied, "the deputy tax collector would be somebody appointed by the tax collector to collect fees."

"Are you familiar with the fee structure of that position and how it operates?"

"No, I am not familiar with that," Cooney replied.

Cristo asked if Cooney thought the tax collector should work closely with and assist banks and mortgage holders who hold escrow accounts for people. He noted that some escrow accounts can be 30-40% of tax payments to the towns and those banks and mortgage holders pay these amounts in batches to the towns. "Should the town collector work with these people to insure timely payments to the town?"

"As I see it, you would have to," Cooney answered. "They are the ones holding the money in escrow, so you would have to work with them to insure those funds get directly to the town."

Cristo said there are tax collectors who don't feel that way. With regard to non payment of taxes, Cooney stated, "I may be mistaken, but I believe that money can be recovered at the time of the sale of property."

Cristo agreed that could take place through a lien on property.

Bleau asked Cooney when he could start work if he was selected.

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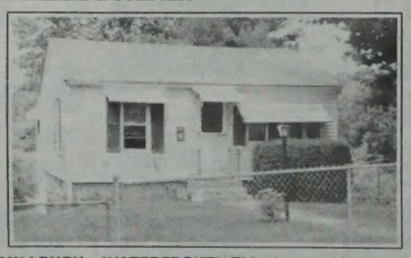

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Another Point of View

The Four Freedoms

By Lawrence Moore

Earlier this year, we spent a delightful weekend in Lenox. After the rigors of winter, the emerging greenery and the floral displays were a welcome change, to say the least. The major objective of our trip was the new relocated and expanded Norman Rockwell Museum. The museum itself is a tribute not only to Rockwell but to the genius of its architect. The building is a marvel of simplicity and restraint, totally in keeping with its rural setting and exemplary of the simple life of Rockwell. His studio has been moved intact and located on a rise overlooking rolling fields. It is filled not only with Rockwell's painting paraphernalia but also with the odds and ends he collected during his life. Homey and personal, it exudes the spirit of the man himself.

Centering the museum, and permanent, unlike the adjacent galleries in which the voluminous work of Rockwell will be rotated, is a circular gallery, lit by a glazed cupola, dedicated to the display of the magnificent paintings exemplifying the Four Freedoms.

In all probability, few people remember the stirring message to Congress proposing Lend-Lease on January 6, 1941. In it, Franklin D. Roosevelt expressed his hope for humanity, a hope yet unfilled but even now a moral foundation on which nations could anchor their plans for peace and prosperity.

In the face of a war in which our soon-to-be Allies were combatting the forces of Totalitarian regimes, Roosevelt sought to aid the cause of Democracy. He delivered these words which those of us alive at the time will never forget:

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression - everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way - everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want....The fourth is freedom from fear."

We have made little progress in 52 years. We have lived through a century in which 170 million people lost their lives in the struggle to achieve one or all of the four freedoms. Today, without trying, it's possible to tick off endless examples of denial: Speech - Cuba; Worship - Sudan; Want - Somalia; Fear - Haiti.

Our struggles today center not on war but on economic survival. Behind the ethnic upheaval, the military coups, the geographical disputes, is the desire for power, and power in today's world and in the future is .... economic strength.

Freedom is the essential ingredient for success in the economic struggle. As George Roche, President of Hillsdale College wrote: "Free men know what tyrants never learn, that the ultimate economic resource is the mind and energy of a free person."

Roosevelt had it right, but man's hearing is poor, man's memory is short, man's will is weak, and man does not learn from experience.

If the nations of the world would take heed, Roosevelt's foundation for peace and prosperity is sturdy and enduring: The Four Freedoms.

Moore Office Hours

UXBRIDGE - Representative Richard Moore will hold office hours in Sutton on Tuesday, August 10, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Manchaug Library.

Donations needed for bandstand

MILLBURY - The construction of a bandstand next to the Asa Waters Mansion is progressing steadily, in large part due to a number of talented craftsmen who have volunteered their time and talents to the project. However, the Friends of the Millbury Bandstand are still requesting financial help for the completion of this project. In order to help pay for the materials used in the construction of the bandstand, become a "Friend" and send your donation to: The Friends of the Millbury Bandstand, c/o Charlotte L. Townsend, 364 Greenwood Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

Calendar

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will host a ham and bean supper with one seating only at 5 p.m. Tickets are $6.00 for adults and $2.00 for pre-teens. Free for Children 5 and under.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

MILLBURY - The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at the Charles F. Minney Post VFW from 2-8 p.m.

Graduates Cum Laude from Harvard

CAMBRIDGE - Stefanie R. Chiras, of Millbury, graduated Cum Laude in Field with an SB in Engineering Sciences from Harvard University on June 10. She is the daughter of John and Carole Chiras of Providence Street.

Named to Dean's List

WARWICK, RI - Marc R. Evanowski, of 23 Dolan Road, Millbury, has been named to the Dean's List at New England Institute of Technology for the academic quarter ending June 5, 1993. Full-time students are placed on the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.6 or better on a maximum scale of 4.0. Evanowski is majoring in plumbing/heating.

Nipmuck Pow Wow

OXFORD - The 13th Annual Nipmuck Pow Wow will be held on Saturday, September 11th and Sunday September 12th at Greenbriar Park in Oxford, Massachusetts. Included in the events will be a naming and wedding ceremony, authentic chanting and dancing and Indian crafts. There will be other ceremonial festivities. Traditional and Contemporary foods, crafts, and souvenir items will be available to the public. Admissions donations are 99 cents for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Directions to the event, which will be held rain or shine, are: travelling from the north, take I-290 to Rt. 395, exit at North Oxford, then Rt. 12 South; travelling from the south, take Rt. 395 North to Oxford exit, then Rt. 12 north to the Pow Wow.

Grounds will be open to the public from 11 AM to 6 PM. No alcohol or drugs will be allowed on the Pow Wow grounds.

Kollios Office Hours

MILLBURY - Representative Paul Kollios will hold office hours in the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 10, from 6-7 p.m. He will not be available on the first Thursday for the month of August at the Millbury Senior Center. Regular hours will resume in September.

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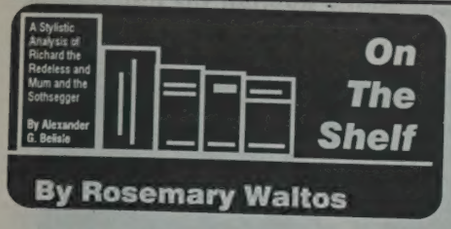

By Rosemary Waltos

Hey kids! If you haven't visited the Millbury Public Library yet this summer, you're missing out not only on the great fun of reading but also on the fun of visiting some of the most exciting and interesting places in Massachusetts.

If you participate in the library's SAIL ON A SEA OF BOOKS summer reading programs and activities, you could receive discount coupons or passes to: Whalom Park, Higgins Armory, Boston Harbor Cruises, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Seven Seas Whale Watch, Springfield Library and Museums, the Portuguese Princess, Subway Restaurants, Heritage Plantation, and Kendall Whaling Museum. In addition, each week kids have a chance to win free admission to the Basketball Hall of Fame. At the end of our summer reading program series, Reading Club and Read-to-Me Club participants have a chance to win two free passes to the upcoming Eastern States Exposition.

There's just a few more days left, but you're still not too late to register for the remaining series of summer reading programs and activities.

On Thursday, August 5 there will be another session of our popular Compu-View computer workshop at 3:30 as well as Bedtime Storytime for kids of all ages and their families at 6:30.

On Tuesday, August 10 parents and their children can come together to attend our Parent/Child Compu-View computer workshop at 6:30.

On Wednesday, August 11 we wrap up SAIL ON A SEA OF BOOKS with an old fashion beach party for Reading Club and Read-to-Me participants. The last of our Family Film Series ends on Wednesday with a presentation of the "Adventures of Robin Hood" at 6:30.

SAIL ON A SEA OF BOOKS summer reading program is provided to local libraries from the Massachusetts Regional Library System, and created by a panel of librarians from across the state. It is funded in part by the Massachusetts Family Reading Project, and an L.S.C.A. Title I grant administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

For more information about SAIL ON A SEA OF BOOKS programs and activities and upcoming children's programs, call 865-1181.

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Officers Installed

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lioness Club held its installation of officers in June at the Dudley Gendron Post in Sutton. The following officers were installed for the 1993-1994 year: President, Maxine Mayotte; 1st Vice President, Sharon Morin; 2nd Vice President, Madeleine Erickson; Treasurer, Sue Saucier; Secretary, Mary Krumsiek; Tail Twister, Beverly Schold; Lion Tamer, Jean Tarello; Board Member, Joanne Putnam; Board Member, Paula Krumsiek.

Sutton Senior News

Weeks of August 2-13

The C.O.A. office staff is available for service to elders daily, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.to 4 p.m. Call 865-9798. For the S.C.M. Elderbus, Inc., van ride, call 865-1602.

MONDAY: Lunch at noon.

TUESDAY: Pokeno, lunch at noon, blood pressures taken at 11:30 at the Sr. Center. Special shopping August 10 at White City. Also on August 10th at noon - picnic in Spencer.

WEDNESDAY: lunch at noon. Golden Age Meeting August 11 from 1-3 p.m.

THURSDAY: Grocery shopping (Make transportation appointments for medical, shopping, and senior center 24 hours in advance.) Health check at Orchard Apartments from 8-9 a.m.

FRIDAY: Lunch at noon.

TRIPS: "A closer walk with Patsy Cline" at the Charles Playhouse, Boston, Thursday, August 19th, $25.00 each. All are welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor - plenty of room right now. Call COA for reservations at 865-9798.

Certified in health training

WORCESTER - Judy O'Connor, director of the Millbury Council on Aging, recently completed the geriatric health training program at Boston University School of Medicine's School of Public Health. She received certification in geriatric health training.

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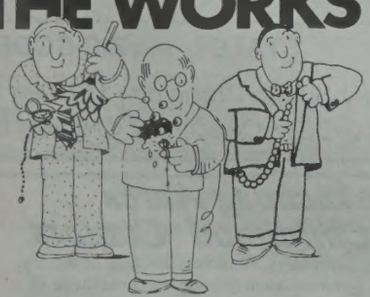

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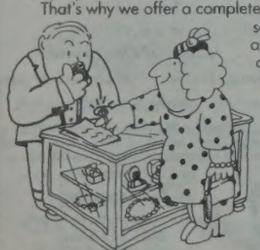

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A sign of the times?

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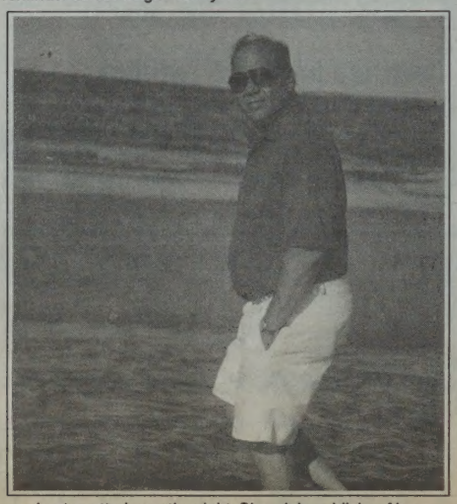

Last spotted near the sight, Chronicle publisher Alexander Belisle refused to claim any responsibility for the pollution.

Friends in high places

UXBRIDGE - Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) presented President and Mrs. Clinton with a Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming "Lady Carrington" pillow when he and his wife, Joanne, visited the White House recently. The pillow, crafted by Rita Labonne of Blackstone, depicts the 1828 Canal barge "The Lady Carrington" passing through a lock on the historic Blackstone Canal. Moore also presented the President with a videotape about the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and urged his support for Federal corridor legislation and the Defense Accounting office proposed for Southbridge. Moore, a nine-term Massachusetts lawmaker, is a friend of the Clintons and was the first Massachusetts elected official to announce his support for President Clinton in the early days of the last Presidential campaign.

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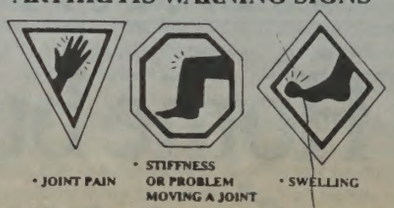

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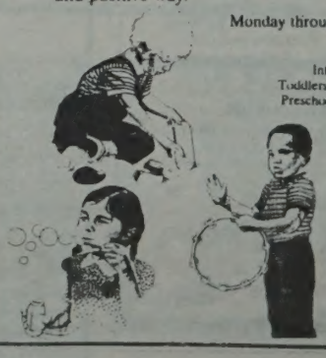

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Annual Flea Market

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church on West Main Street is sponsoring its annual Flea Market on September 11 from 9 AM to 2 PM. People interested in reserving table space in the church vestry should contact Jeri Stead at 865-5371 as soon as possible. The $15 inside area consists of a large supper table plus a card table. This year, there will once again be outdoor reservations for those who are willing to chance the weather. People with outdoor space must provide their own tables and the fee is $10 per reservation. All reservations should be made as soon as possible.

Women's Aglow

MILLBURY - Blackstone Valley Women's Aglow will meet at the Mary Elizabeth McGrath Education Center, corner of Elm and Water Street, on August 17th at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Jeanne DeTellis, missionary to Haiti. All women are invited.

Blood Drive in Millbury

MILLBURY - The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at the Charles F. Minney Post VFW on Tuesday, August 10, from 2-8 p.m.

Woolie World Donations sought

MILLBURY - The Millbury Super Park Committee is now $1244.54 away from its goal of $50,000. In order to reach that goal, the Committee has embarked on a "Woolie World Bank" project.

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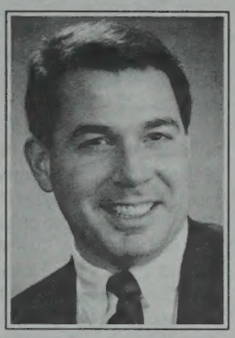
Appointed chairman of Republican Senate Caucus



BOSTON - State Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) has been named Chairman of the Republican Senate Caucus by his fellow Republicans in the Senate.

"It is a tremendous honor for me to accept the duties and responsibilities of the Caucus Chairman's position," said Amorello. "I am pleased that my colleagues have seen fit to put their trust in me to fill this post."

The post of Caucus Chairman was first established by former Senate Minority Leader David H. Locke in 1991. The Chairman is responsible for organizing and convening all meetings of the G.O.P.'s Senate membership and for setting the agenda for Caucus deliberations.

In addition, the Caucus Chairman attends all of the Senate Leadership's bi-weekly policy meetings with Governor Weld and Lt. Governor Cellucci.

"As Caucus Chairman, I intend to serve as an advocate for the people of Central Massachusetts in my dealings with the administration and the Republican Party as a whole," Amorello said. I look forward to providing a strong voice for our part of the state on matters of importance to the people of my district."

Amorello, who was first elected to the Senate in 1990, also serves on the Senate Ways and Means Committee, as well as the Joint Legislative Committees for Transportation, the Judiciary and Federal Financial Assistance. Last month, he was appointed to the Senate Committee on science and Technology.

Transfer Station Notice

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

BOSTON - This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on roll calls from the weeks of July 12-30. Also included are votes on three roll calls from this year's debate on the state budget and highlights of some of the vetoes the legislature will soon attempt to override.

JULY 12-16

SNOW PLOWING (H 5318) - House 80-71, rejected an amendment providing $20 million in funding to help communities pay for their snow plowing and other bills from last winter. Amendment supporters said this will help cities and towns make up budget shortfalls resulting from increased costs of last year's severe storms. Amendment opponents said the state cannot afford $20 million. They argued the state has never reimbursed communities for snow and ice removal and should not set a precedent. Moore and Kollios voted against the $20 million.

EDUCATION SPENDING (H 5318) House 79-70, rejected an amendment providing that any community which is spending above the funding levels mandated by the education reform bill not be required to spend additional money on education in fiscal 1994. The education bill currently requires these communities to spend more money even if they are already spending the mandated amount. Amendment supporters said the education bill was passed after these 74 communities had already adopted their local budgets and argued it was unfair to require additional spending which will hike taxes or force cuts in other programs. Amendment opponents said the amendment waters down the education bill and allows communities to continue to tax at low levels while meeting the basic minimum mandated level. Moore voted to exempt the 74 communities; Kollios voted against exempting the 74.

ECONOMIC CONVERSION (H 5318) House 78-73, rejected an amendment providing $3.5 million for a Massachusetts Technology Development Partner Program to help the economic conversion of the state's defense dependent industries. Amendment supporters said this money will help the state's defense related companies create jobs and convert their defense technologies to civilian ones. They noted the funding will help the companies submit proposals for federal grants to help with conversion. Amendment opponents said the federal government has informed states that giving state grants to companies could jeopardize federal funding and be considered a sign that the companies are not financially strong enough to successfully convert their technology. They argued the money can be better spent on other programs to help conversion. Moore and Kollios voted for the $3.5 million.

CIGARETTE TAX (H 5318) House 111-37, approved an amendment providing an additional $32 million in revenue from the 25 cent per package cigarette tax hike for smoking prevention programs. Amendment supporters said the legislature has diverted $80 million of these funds to other programs and given only $64 million out of a projected $176 million in increased revenues to smoking prevention programs. They argued the legislature should honor the voters' mandate and continue to insure more of the money is used to decrease smoking. Opponents offered no arguments. Moore voted against the amendment. Kollios voted for an additional $32 million.

JULY 19-23

MASSPIRG (H 5200, S 1994) Senate 20-19, House 93-56 approved an amendment ending the system under which a fee for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MassPIRG) is included on annual tuition bills at state colleges and universities. Currently the fee is eliminated only if students check a box declining to pay the fee. Under the amendment, the fee is not automatically assessed and students would have the option to contribute through the "positive checkoff" of a box. Amendment supporters said this special treatment which raises hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for one lobbying group is unfair. Opponents said MassPIRG is a leading environmental group which needs the money and claimed the amendment was a vindictive move by legislators who resent the group's work. Amorello and Moore voted for the voluntary "positive checkoff." Kollios voted for the "negative checkoff" which assesses the fee unless a student declines to pay it.

MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY (S 1994) - Senate 23-12 rejected an amendment increasing funding from $250,000 to $1 million for the school excellence program at Worcester Polytech. Amendment supporters said this Academy for Math and Science is an innovative private public partnership which serves juniors and seniors in high school and needs the additional $750,000. Amendment opponents said the school is an elitist one which caters to a small number of high achieving students and costs in excess of $12,000 per student per year. Amorello voted for the amendment.

METCO (S 1994) - Senate 29-10, rejected an amendment increasing funding for the METCO program from $12 million to $13.1 million. Amendment supporters said this $1.1 million hike will bring METCO funding to the level of recent years and insure its continued success. Amendment opponents said the state simply cannot afford the increase. Amorello voted in favor of the amendment.

ABOLISH MDC (H 5200)- House 115-36, rejected an amendment requiring the administration to develop a plan to abolish the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) by March 1, 1994. Amendment supporters said the MDC is an archaic entity which is loaded with patronage and is no longer needed. They argued its functions could be reassigned in a cost effective manner which will save money. Amendment opponents said the MDC is a useful and responsible agency which provides valuable services. Moore voted for abolishing the MDC; Kollios voted against abolishing the MDC.

OVERLAY ACCOUNTS (H 5200)- House 114-38, rejected an amendment striking a section allowing voters in a city or town to exempt the community's overlay accounts from the limits of Proposition 2 1/2. Overlay accounts include funds set aside for tax rebates and abatements. The amendment allows city councils or town meetings to place the question on a municipal ballot for voter consideration. Amendment supporters said this exemption is an assault on Proposition 2 1/2 and is simply a statewide $140 million tax hike. Amendment opponents said voters should have the power to make this decision and argued the exemption could help cash starved cities and towns maintain local services. Both Moore and Kollios voted to allow exemptions of overlay accounts.

Here are five of Governor Weld's vetoes which will likely face an override attempt in the legislature before the summer recess or in the fall.

MORE OVERLAY - Weld vetoed this section allowing city councils or local selectmen, without voter approval, to exempt the community's overlay account from the limits of Proposition 2 1/2. This version is different from the House one which required voter approval and did not make it into the final version of the budget. The governor is hopeful he can convince enough of the 114 supporters of the House version to sustain his veto and vote against this new version which gives the power solely to the city council or selectmen.

AIRPORT BUSINESS- The House leadership hopes to override this veto of several sections allowing communities to levy new property taxes on businesses which operate commercial enterprises on land owned by public authorities. Supporters of the tax levy argue it will raise millions of dollars including $8 million Boston could collect from Logan Airport businesses that pay no property taxes. Weld argued the new taxes would be passed on to the consumers and notes many of the authorities already make payments to the state in lieu of taxes. He contends the levies will discourage many businesses from developing or expanding on authority property.

EMERGENCY AID- The House leadership and human service groups are working hard to insure the votes to override the reduction in funding for Emergency Assistance for the Elderly, Disabled and Children program. The veto cuts $12.3 million and eliminates eligibility for students aged 18-21 and adults in vocational rehabilitation programs. In his veto message, Weld said none of these groups can be classified as elderly, disabled or children and argued the state cannot afford the $12.3 million. Susan Marsh of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless called the cuts "short-sighted and cruel" and said "many of these students are refugees from war-torn lands or have escaped abusive families."

FEE REDUCTIONS- Governor Weld vetoed a section requiring legislative approval of any reduction in fees charged by the state for services, licenses and permits. The governor says this legislative interference will stall or put a halt to the administration's attempts to lower fees which were dramatically increased in the 1980s.

AFDC RECIPIENTS- Weld has vetoed a section restricting AFDC benefits to children who have resided in the state for at least 90 days. He says he appreciates the legislature's

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Cooney replied, "As a manager and owner of a business, I would need three to four weeks time to implement my plans to assume this position on a full time basis."

Cristo asked Cooney if he had any questions?

Cooney said he had a question over compensation. "What experience would a person need to be compensated at different levels? I am sure someone with no experience would be compensated at a different level than someone with 10 years of experience." Cristo said that probably would be true in the private sector but monies are appropriated at town meeting for the tax collector's position. "They can vote whatever salary they want," he said. The position currently pays $29,000. (Collachio received this salary after a being in the position for approximately 7 years.)

Cristo then noted that a provision of Mass. General laws, if accepted, allows a tax collector to keep demand fees. "Do you intend to retain the demand fees or just take the base," Cristo asked.

Cooney said it was his understanding that the town would have to vote to change that current practice.

Cristo said it could be his option to accept.

"I don't know what the fees are or what monetary amount you're talking about," Cooney replied.

Cristo said the demand fees amount to about $10-15,000 a year. As to not accepting the demand fees, Cooney said, "I cannot really give you an honest answer at this time, but would take it under consideration."

Evelyn Plante, presently a clerk in the Auditor's office, responded to similar questions asked of Cooney.

"I have worked in town government for 23 years in the auditor's office in the financial end of it," Plante said. "I always hoped to be assistant auditor but that never came out. This promotion came up. It's a good advancement for me business wise and financially."

In answer to Cristo's question on the primary function of a tax collector, Plante replied, "To collect the taxes due to the town of Millbury in a timely fashion, as I see it."

Cristo asked Plante for a definition of a demand notice.

"After I think 30 days," Plante replied, "they send a demand out if you haven't paid your motor vehicle or property taxes. And after that if not paid it goes on a warrant and it is collected on that warrant by the deputy collector."

"Then you know what the deputy collector does?" Cristo asked.

"I'm not sure," Plante replied.

"Who appoints the deputy collector?" Cristo asked.

"I'm not sure," Plante replied.

"The collector does," Cristo said.

Cristo then asked Plante if she knew what the fees are for the deputy collector and what that structure is?

"It's set by the state," she replied. "I'm not sure, but I think it is set by the state."

Cristo asked Plante if she thought the collector should work with institutions that hold taxes for Millbury or any other town should work with them to pay the taxes in an expeditious fashion?

"I believe if it will bring the money in faster, yes," she replied.

Cristo asked Plante for her feelings on keeping demand fees. "I've never been in favor of anyone keeping fees," she said. "The salary should be above board so everybody can decide what is a fair salary.

"Cristo asked Plante if she would want to keep the demand fees?

"No," she replied. "I would rather see it coming to a fair salary."

Gauthier asked Plante if she plans on running for the position at the next town election.

"Yes, I do," she replied.

Bleau asked Plante how much time she would need to take over the position?

"I don't know," she replied. "I think I would need a week or two to get my office cleared up."

There were no further questions asked of Plante.

Michael Ragaini was asked about his background and why he is seeking the position.

Ragaini replied that he is presently unemployed and could begin in the position immediately. "Firstly," Ragaini said, "the job is a responsible job, a highly visible position. There are not a lot of those jobs available today basically within my reach. It's my home town. I know basically the players involved." Ragaini said he has a background in purchasing. "Not an accounting background. We are in the same ball park," he said, "but just different sections of the ball park. We deal with deadlines. We deal with getting purchase orders out to the vendors back with invoices and collections, interest, whatever. I'm trying to relate this to what is being done in this office."

Ragaini said he has also worked with the transit authority and at Presmet Corporation performing some customer service work. He holds an associate's degree from Worcester Junior College.

"I have been politically involved, as you know, with the Personnel Board in the past for a short time and active within the town," Ragaini said.

Cristo asked Ragaini, "What is the primary responsibility and function of the town collector? What is the most important thing you have to do?"

"The office itself, right now, is functioning," Ragaini replied. "It sends out and collects revenues. If I am not mistaken, it's $6 million a year. The collector is responsible for the running and organization of what goes through that office on a daily basis."

"What do you think is the most important, primary responsibility?" Cristo asked.

"To make sure the notes go out on time and the money is received," Ragaini replied.

Cristo asked Ragaini if he knew what a demand notice is?

"No," Ragaini replied.

Cristo explained that it is a demand to pay taxes which also includes a fee of $5.00-10.00 on top of what is due."

"Do you know what the function is of a deputy tax collector," Cristo then asked.

"No, I do not," Ragaini replied.

Cristo explained that a deputy tax collector is appointed by the collector and goes out with a warrant to collect unpaid taxes. Under Mass. General laws, they can receive a fee.

"Many people have escrow accounts paid to banks to be allocated to their taxes," Cristo said. "Do you think the tax collector should work with the banks and mortgage holders on supplying duplicate tax bills as homeowners get a copy themselves of tax bills, which would enable those payments to be paid?"

"I'm not sure how that is being done," Ragaini replied. "For me to sit here and say it should be done this way or that way without being part of the process that is going on, I don't think I can answer it intelligently."

Gauthier asked Ragaini if plans on running for the position?

"Yes, in April," Ragaini replied.

Bleau asked Ragaini if could start in the position immediately.

"Yes," he replied, "I could. In fact, I could start tomorrow at 8 o'clock."

Cristo then asked Ragaini if he would relinquish or retain the demand fees of the town collector.

"I would relinquish them at this point," Ragaini replied.

Cristo then asked David Cofske if he had any feelings about staying on as temporary tax collector.

"I would like to relinquish it," Cofske replied. He also suggested that the demand fees be dropped and a fair salary be adjusted instead. He also said the present staff in the collector's office has been cooperative.

Cristo suggested that all three names be put in nomination. He then called for a vote. Bleau paused, remained silent, and finally said he was not ready.

"Do you want to hold off voting?" Cristo asked.

Bleau, "Do it tonight."

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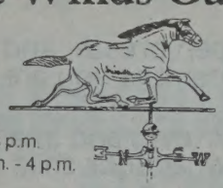

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Cristo, "Do you want to do it later in the meeting?"

Lachance and Gauthier said they were ready to vote.

"I'll vote for Evelyn Plante," Gauthier said. "I feel after 23 years service to the community she deserves the right to enhance her position in town. She is qualified."

Lachance, Cristo and Bleau each voted for Plante.

The Board agreed to a starting date of August 23 for the elected position.

Senior Center

The Board voted to adopt priorities for the presentation of a Community Action Statement to the State for a Small Cities and Communities Development Grant. A Public Hearing was opened, as required by the state, with another scheduled for the Board's next meeting.

After several minutes of discussion, the Board adopted three main priorities with a Senior Center as the first priority, sewer funding for Paul Revere and other areas in need, the revitalization of the downtown area, including facade refurbishing, sidewalks and roadway rebuilding as second and third priorities.

Council on Aging Director Judy O'Connor reported that the Senior Center Grant application, which was the impetus for building a community wide action statement, will be seeking $750,000 to build a senior center. She said the new center would allow the seniors to move out of a now crowded and potentially hazardous location to a new facility that could also allow for additional events for the elderly. The proposed building would be 6200 square feet with more parking than is now available at the Asa Waters Mansion.

The preferred site is at River Street in the old highway building now occupied by Himmer Ambulance. Two other sites owned by the town, the former Center School and the Town Hall, were also considered but, according to O'Connor, both had some drawbacks. She noted that the old center school would not be big enough to accommodate a building of the size being considered and allow for needed parking. The Town Hall site would require blasting of ledge which would be added to the cost and thus affect the cost and size of the building. O'Connor said she had a builder and developer look at all three properties and he suggested that the Town Hall site would pose some problems and ledge blasting, because it would be near the present Town Hall, could cause cracking in the foundation and walls.

O'Connor said the River Street location would allow for a building that would have train station style architecture that would enhance the visual appearance of the area as one approaches the town over the Gowing Bridge.

Several senior citizens who were present and filled most of the seats in the audience asked for support of the Senior Center proposal as a top priority.

Helen Mankevetch said the number of seniors taking advantage of the Senior Center has more than tripled since she came to town over seven years ago.

O'Connor noted that seniors citizens make up 21% of the town's population and number over 2250. She also pointed out that the Mansion is used by other organizations as well.

Mankevetch expressed concern for the safety of the seniors as the passageways in the Mansion are narrow and the elderly cannot move as fast as younger people. The only exit useable as a fire exit is located in the dining room, which has a double exit door.

Dog Complaint

The Board held a public hearing on a dog complaint filed by Paul and Sandra Rembiszewski of Leslie Lane against a dog owned by the Lemmon family, also of Leslie Lane. The Rembiszewskis alleged that the Lemmon dog attacked and injured their dog on their property for the second time in one year.

Paul Rembiszewski said he had to bring his beagle to a vet for treatment which cost $100 several months ago and $200 for the most recent treatment. He noted that this was also the third complaint brought against the Lemmon's chow this year.

"I am asking the Board to stick to the letter it sent to the Lemmons in which the Board stated on July 30, 1992 in a letter to them that the dog be banished or disposed of as stated in that letter," Rembiszewski said.

John Lemmon made reference to the same letter which also stated that the dog was to be restrained and kept on the property.

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"I and my neighbors feel the dog is a public nuisance and should be destroyed," Rembiszewski said.

Lemmon told the board that the Rembiszewski's dog comes through his yard, and on the night in question their dog and others began barking. "Our dog somehow got through the front door and chased their dog," he said. "Their dog comes through the yard when our dog is chained up in the back yard. My neighbors can attest to that."

Rembiszewski then said that the Lemmons have refused to pick up the expenses for their dog's injuries. "You told him before that it was his responsibility to take care of this matter," Rembiszewski said. "I don't care how he does it. Again his dog attacked my dog and that is the question here."

Lemmon said he talked to the former dog officer who suggested that he build a chain link kennel.

Cristo suggested an alternative of a fence around the whole yard when it was stated that the dog could get out of the yard when it is brought into or out of the enclosed kennel.

Critter Control representative Charles Balmaitis, whose company is under a three-month contract with the town to take over some of the dog officer's duties, suggested a compromise which included restraining the dog in a kennel.

That suggestion was not acceptable to the Rembizewskis who asked the Board to stick to its earlier letter to Lemmon that indicated any future complaints could result in banishment or in having the dog destroyed.

Selectman Donald Gauthier, who also lives in the area of Leslie Lane, said he used to walk that area but does not do so anymore because the Lemmon's dog is, in his opinion, "vicious" and once circled him in a threatening manner. "No one came out to call the dog off," Gauthier said. He also said he was called to the scene shortly after the last attack and told the Rembiszewski's they had a right to file a complaint.

Another neighbor, Sylvio Bourdeau, testified that the dog was a menace in the neighborhood.

Rembiszewski said he wanted it on the record that if the dog is banished and there are any repercussions, "then you will know where they came from."

Gerald Lemmon then alleged that the Rembiszewski's son had made threats about killing their dog.

At that point, Cristo asked and received a vote to close the hearing. Later on in the meeting, the Board voted to order the banishment of the Lemmon dog with the understanding that after a filing they could, within 10 days, file an appeal with the courts.

Annual Town Report

The Board listened to a request from Tom Maloney to review how the annual town report is written up, with particular attention to the reporting of the salaries of town employees. He said the present system causes confusion when trying to determine what a town employee earns in total wages. He referred to a recent incident when he had occasion to speak at a school committee meeting and quoted salaries in the town report and was told that the figures he quoted did not accurately reflect the salary figures.

Maloney supplied several examples of school department employees that showed custodians making more money than the director or supervisors which he said creates confusion in the minds of taxpayers. He said the report should show somewhere the base salary and any other monies earned should be reflected on a separate page.

Bleau said the figures come off employees' W-2 forms.

It was also suggested that figures could be listed by department.

Sylvio Bourdeau said the total costs should be shown in each department. As an example, he cited health insurance costs which he said aren't broken down at this time and do not provide the taxpayer with a true picture of the allocation of funds for each department budget. He used the school department as an example.

Cristo suggested that the issue be placed on the regular agenda for more discussion.

Administrative Assistant

On a 4-1 vote, the Board approved a salary range between $35-$40,000 for the administrative assistant's position vacated by Earl Chase.

Gauthier was opposed and said it should be in the $45-$50,000 range.

Prior to the vote, Plante asked if the figure of $35-45,000 was run by the Search Committee and was told by Cristo that it was.

Lachance then moved to add a qualifier to the already posted and advertised position by adding to the requirement of a College Degree the words "College degree or equivalent municipal/business experience." The vote on Lachance's motion was 4-1 in favor with Bleau opposed.

Bleau said he thought the basic requirement of a college degree should be maintained since it shows discipline and a desire for knowledge. He also said he was not sure that business experience was necessary for this position.

Cristo disagreed, saying practical common sense experience should also be a factor, "which sometimes a college graduate lacks."

Recycling

The Board asked Earl Chase, who is continuing in his position on a part time basis, to call the Board of Health (BOH) in since it is not happy with the delay in moving into recycling with Wheelabrator.

Bleau said the BOH has said for several weeks that it is awaiting a letter from Wheelabrator.

Cristo expressed displeasure with the fact Wheelabrator has not begun the recycling program and wanted to know why Frank Rubbish Removal is still involved.

Gauthier also expressed concern and asked his colleagues to support his opinion that the BOH stated at a previous meeting that they would be engaging Wheelabrator in the process of recycling. "What are they doing? " he said.

Bleau again noted that the BOH has not received the requested letter from Wheelabrator.

Cristo, showing some displeasure, remarked, "Get them in here," he said. "It looks like we are going back to square one. First we are going in one direction, then in another doing something else."

In a related matter, the Board approved a new policy regarding the monitoring of trash taken to Wheelabrator. The policy was developed between Wheelabrator, the Board of Selectmen and the Police Chief in executive sessions.

[A check with the Board of Health Office on July 30 showed that the BOH received a copy of the undated policy on July 29 and the members have not seen the policy nor discussed the issue.]

The policy, approved and signed by all Selectmen, does not show an effective date. It is addressed to all solid waste haulers and concerns the monitoring of solid waste at Wheelabrator.

[Earl Chase was not available Friday to answer questions on the new policy. No written copy of a signed agreement between Wheelabrator, the Selectmen or the Police Chief was available from the Selectmen's office.]

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Citizens Committee

The Board appointed seven members to a newly formed Industrial Park Citizens Committee to look at issues and concerns related to a proposed joint effort between Millbury and Worcester to locate an industrial park off Rte 20 and in proximity to two neighborhoods, the Hilltop Drive and Oak Pond areas.

The committee is made up of the Town Planner, Stephen Bishop, and the following representatives of both neighborhoods: Jackie Choiniere, Michele Ahearn, Susan Blois, Al Campolito, Robert Renaud and Steven Beauregard.

Miscellaneous

In other action, the Board

- adopted a lease agreement with Himmer Ambulance for three years that includes an escape clause of 90 days which can be activated by either party.

- approved a block party request from the Hayward Glenn neighborhood.

- awarded gas and diesel fuel to the low bidder, Marane Oil Inc.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

During vacation time in Maine, I thought, at first, that I would take a vacation from "My Window..." as well, but a dear lady told me she had subscribed to the Chronicle for herself and a friend. Well, I couldn't disappoint these people, so here we go. By the way, I had breakfast with the dear lady's son who is a pastor in New Sweden, and it was a wonderful time of fellowship.

So far, we have worshipped in a different church every Sunday, and it was great to sit in the pew and hear the Word of God expounded. This Sunday, we were going to stay right here in camp as it is over an hour's drive to the nearest town and the roads are not the greatest. As Sunday draws near, the habit of a lifetime of church attendance is getting the best of us, and I'm quite sure that even this Sunday will find us in worship of God in the fellowship of His people.

The rest of the summer, I will be preaching. Belfast Baptist, where my son and his family worship, has asked for one Sunday, and I'm looking forward to that.

On our way into camp, we come through Burlington where there is a Congregational Church. Last year, I preached there when I found out their pastor had "Lou Gehrig's" disease. They had a new pastor whom they had called, but he has had second thoughts about it. Geographically, it will be a difficult pulpit to fill, but spiritually, it is very exciting. I'll be supplying for them the rest of the summer.

The ministry of the Gospel has been my life, and I cannot get away from it. This vacation time gives me opportunity to do many physical things that I enjoy, but it is also a time for Bible study and reading along with prayer in preparation to coming back to Millbury for a great time of spiritual blessing next Fall. Amen.

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Named Bank Officers

GRAFTON - The directors of the Grafton Suburban Credit Union have announced the following election of Officers: Barry F. Crosby, President and Chief Executive Officer; William B. Connor, Treasurer; Robert J. Keith Jr., Assistant Treasurer.

Crosby, of Sutton, previously held the position of Executive Vice President of the Millbury Savings Bank. He has also held management positions at the former Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. and Mechanics Bank, Worcester. He is a graduate of Clark University in Worcester and the National School of Finance and Management at Fairfield University.

Crosby is the former Treasurer of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and has served on various chamber committees over the years. He has been active in the local community, serving as treasurer of the Sutton Towne Soccer Association. He has served on the Sutton School Building committee since 1979. He is also a member of the St. Mark's Church Finance Committee and was co-chairman of their church expansion campaign.

Connor, of Millbury, has been employed at the credit union since 1976. He previously held the position of Assistant Executive Officer. He is a graduate of Quinsigamond Community College and is currently enrolled at the Lesley College School of management.

Keith, of Sutton, has been employed at the credit union since 1981. In addition to his duties as Assistant Treasurer, he will continue as branch manager of the South Grafton Branch. Keith is a graduate of Quinsigamond Community College.

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attempt to tighten welfare eligibility, but he indicate he vetoed the restriction because court cases have clearly demonstrated that such limitations are unconstitutional.

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$12.3 MILLION WELFARE (H 53000)- House 118-32, Senate 24-8 overrode Governor Weld's reduction of $12.3 million in funding for Emergency Assistance for the Elderly, Disabled and Children welfare program. The vote also restored eligibility for 18 to 21 year old students and adults involved in vocational education programs. Override supporters said Weld's cuts will hurt some 3700 disabled people in training programs and full-time high school students who are homeless or are refugees from war torn countries. Override opponents said the cuts do not take away any benefits from any disabled person but simply require certain proof of the disability. They argued the program will still help the very needy but will also encourage part-time, able bodied high school students to work a part-time job and learn to become self-sufficient. Amorello, Moore and Kollios all voted in favor of restoring the $12.3 million.

EX-PRISONERS (H 5300) House 118-33, Senate 30-3 overrode Governor Weld's veto of $400,000 in funding for an offenders' employment resource system. Override supporters said this program helps ex-offenders become employed and reduces the number of repeat offenders. Override opponents said the state cannot afford the $400,000 and argued convicts should be trained and educated while they are in prison and not when they are back out on the streets. Amorello, Moore and Kollios voted to restore the $400,000.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (S 1705) Senate 33-0, gave near final approval to a $104 million fiscal 1993 supplemental budget. Supporters said the package will close out the books on fiscal 1993 and provide money for hundreds of underfunded accounts. The House has passed a $250 million version of the budget and a House-Senate conference committee will now hammer out a compromise version. Amorello voted for the budget.

DEFENSE CONVERSION (S 1705) Senate 18-16, rejected an amendment providing $3.5 million for a Massachusetts Technology Development Partnering Program. Amendment supporters said this money will help the state's defense related companies submit proposals for federal grants to help convert the companies' defense technologies to civilian ones. Amendment opponents argued the money can be better spent on other programs to help conversion. They said the federal government has informed states that giving state grants to companies could jeopardize federal funding and be considered a sign that the companies are not financially sound enough to convert their technologies. Amorello voted for the $3.5 million.

LOTTERY ADVERTISING (S 1705) Senate 24-10, rejected an amendment deleting a section prohibiting the Lottery from conducting direct marketing ad campaigns to homes in any zip code areas where the median household income is less than $25,000 per year. The section also requires that all TV and radio lottery ads include the long odds of winning the lottery game advertised. Amendment supporters said this section micromanages the lottery and will eventually reduce revenues and local aid to cities and towns. They said these restrictions were never placed on former Democratic Treasurer Bob Crane and are aimed at hurting Republican Treasurer Joe Malone. Amendment opponents said these restrictions will simply prevent ads from being targeted to the poorest communities. They argued the ads are deceptive and encourage gambling by those who can least afford it. Amorello voted against the restrictions.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE (S 1705) Senate 26-7, rejected an amendment repealing a clean needle exchange pilot program for intravenous drug users which was approved as part of the fiscal 1994 budget. Amendment supporters said distributing needles is bad public policy which will send out the wrong message and increase drug use. Amendment opponents said the pilot program is a voluntary local option one which will not be forced on any community. They argued clean needle distribution will decrease the spread of AIDS and save many lives. Amorello voted against the clean needle exchange program.

PRIVATIZE (H 5345) House 116-35, gave near final approval to its own version of the bill restricting the Weld administration's ability to privatize state services. The measure permits privatization only if it is proven that a private contractor will deliver equal services for less money. It also requires private vendors to pay its workers the same wages and health benefits which were being paid to state workers prior to privatization. Supporters said the bill is a balanced one which insures that any privatization saves money and still protects workers. Opponents said the bill will make it difficult for the Weld administration to continue its privatization efforts designed to save millions of dollars. The Senate has passed a different version of the bill and the measure now goes to a conference committee. Moore and Kollios voted for the bill.

WAGES (H 5345) House 111-38, approved an amendment requiring that a private vendor pay its employees the same wages which were being paid to similar state employees prior to privatization. Amendment supporters said this will protect workers and the quality of work by insuring that private vendors cannot simply underbid and win a contract by hiring inferior workers at low salaries. Amendment opponents said the amendment is designed to save high paying jobs for state workers who are given hiring preference in the bill. They noted the bill already includes sections requiring the high quality of a privatized service and argued this level of quality can often be provided even when paying a lower wage. Moore and Kollios voted to required private wages be similar to those for former state workers.

Named to Dean's List

BOSTON - Eric A. Sampson of Sutton has been named to the Spring Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology where is majoring in Architecture.

Completes course

GRAFTON - Fran Koliss of Hunneman & Company/ Coldwell Banker in Grafton has successfully completed Course 101 and Course 201 of the 1993 Realtor Institute of Massachusetts, according to Mass. Assoc. of Realtors President Edgar Ramey.

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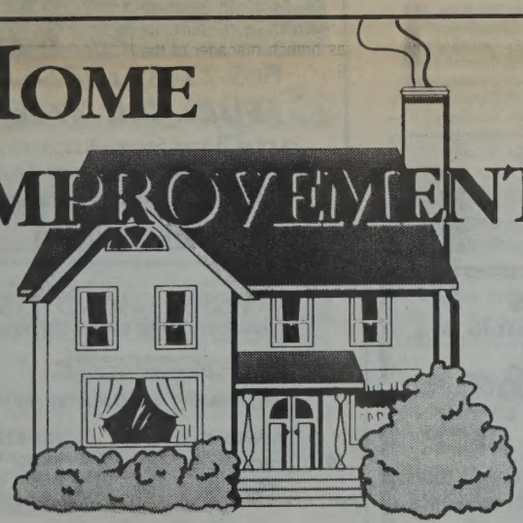

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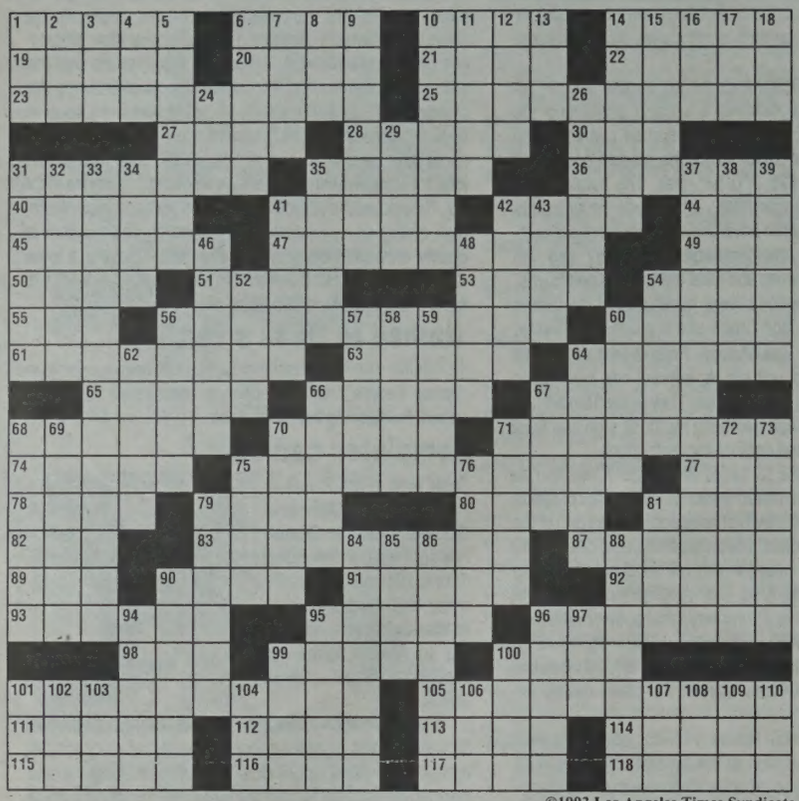

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"PHONETICALLY SPEAKING"
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ACROSS

1 Nom de guerre
6 Unorthodox religion
10 Burn slightly
14 Nigerian seaport
19 Restraint
20 Building yard
21 Long, easy stride
22 Heavy, dark wood
23 I, soundwise
25 C, soundwise
27 Sealing agent
28 Count —: take attendance
30 Id —
31 Artist's colors
35 Becomes a partisan
36 Deliverance
40 On —: instantly
41 American Civil Rights leader
42 Swiss river
44 Heart exam-chart
45 Chair repairers
47 P, soundwise
49 For shame!
50 Czech river to the Elbe
51 Match
53 Perjurer
54 Eastern newts
55 Bravo or Branco
56 B, soundwise
60 Armada
61 Toned down
63 Cosmetic ingredients
64 Cube and sphere
65 Puts forth
66 Pig pens
67 Ponti's Sophia
68 Egg dish
70 Reduces
71 Husband and wife
74 Tête topper
75 D, soundwise
77 Tenor Mario — Monaco
78 Malt oven
79 Cap- —
80 Assistant
81 Flat plinth
82 Daughter of Cadmus
83 J, soundwise
87 Shins
89 Great offense
90 Napoleon victory site
91 Forearm bones
92 Beethoven's "Choral" symphony
93 Tried
95 Great quantity
96 Opener of many doors
98 Mature
99 Campus areas, for short
100 Othello's "ancient"
101 M, soundwise
105 R, soundwise
111 Seagoing shout
112 Caesar's friend
113 People of the Platte
114 Shakespearean forest
115 Prohibition
116 Nod's neighbor
117 Tennis great Trabert
118 Decorated all over

DOWN

1 Kaline and Smith
2 Gettysburg loser
3 Fleming of the thrillers
4 Palm Sunday beast
5 Protection
6 Gilbert & Sullivan producer
7 Impulse
8 Grassland
9 Leather process
10 Most miserly
11 Whetstones
12 Lar and siamang
13 Classic car
14 Rent payer
15 Drives the getaway car
16 State VIP
17 United
18 Thesaurus wd.
24 Inning ender
26 Film's Toulouse-Lautrec
29 Garfield's pal
31 Harness-race horses
32 Barber's "— for Strings"
33 Q, soundwise
34 Type of hosp. room
35 McCarthy's friend
37 T, soundwise
38 How we stand?
39 Discharges
41 Like college walls
42 "— Irish Rose"
43 Having wings
46 Small piano
48 "Deutschland über —"
52 Hails
54 — Burstyn
56 "In them hath — a tabernacle...": Psalm 19:4
57 Dilute
58 Topmost
59 Fertile loam
60 — winks
62 Novel in "The Forsyte Saga"
64 Tart ice
66 Locales
67 Praise
68 Double-reed player
69 Nasty one
70 LXVII x IX
71 Fall preceder
72 Tell
73 Wet underfoot
75 Snake, for one
76 Thermoplastic resin
79 Battery terminals
81 M. Butterfly's binders
84 Mérida's state
85 Exuded color
86 Disconcerted
88 To such extent
90 Musically smooth
94 Italian epic poet
95 Snow leopard
96 Sitting duck
97 In the past
99 Part of Q.E.D.
100 Unyielding
101 "Krazy —"
102 A Gardner
103 Catch
104 Expert
106 From — Z
107 Uno e due
108 Like some numbers
109 "— Mir Bist Du Schön"
110 Objective

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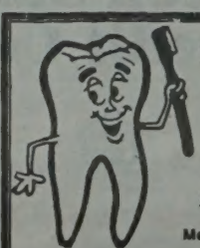

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL Chapter 41 and the Sutton Planning Board's Rules and Regulations Governing Subdivisions, a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 23, 1993 at 7:45 PM in the Municipal Center, to review the Definitive Plans of the "Michael Drive" Subdivision. This proposed 2 lot development is owned by Dana Gravison, Inc., plans by Lavallee Brothers, Inc., dated 7/26/93.

The property is bounded on the west by Burnap Road and R. & J. Siska; on the north by Pleasant Valley Corp.; on the east by the Comm. of Mass.; on the south by C & E Stem, J. Kuchinski, D & P Hamm, A & V Siska and Central Turnpike.

The plans may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. Any person interested in or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Scott Paul, Chairman

August 5 and 12, 1993

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Obituaries

Frances A. Opacki

MILLBURY - Frances A. (Trombowicz) Opacki, 73, of 8 Upton Street, died July 10th at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after being stricken at home.

She leaves her husband of 52 years, Carl Opacki; two sons, Edward R. Opacki and Carl Opacki both of Worcester; two daughters, Carlene F. Ballard of South Hadley; Lorna J. Gilchrist of Southbridge; four grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was born in Worcester, daughter of John and Frances (Morris) Trombowicz and has lived here most of her life.

Mrs. Opacki was a bookkeeper at I.B.A. Inc. for over 20 years, retiring in 1987. Previously, she was an executive secretary at David Clark Co. Inc., in Worcester, for many years. She was a member of St. Brigid's Church and past president of the former Dorothy Manor Mother's Club. She was very active in establishing the Dorothy Pond playground.

The funeral was held July 14th from Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main Street with a Mass in St. Brigid's Church, 59 Main Street. Burial was in St. Brigid's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Brigid's Church, 59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

Mary A. Leseman

MILLBURY - Mary A. (Dick) Leseman Crockford, 96, formerly of Colonial Drive, died July 22nd in Lincoln Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Lincoln Street, Worcester.

Her husband, George Crockford died in 1972. She leaves a son, William E. Leseman of Worcester; four daughters, Mildred L. Nelson of Millbury, Flora M. Kittredge of Worcester, Roberta E. Reynolds of Paulsboro, N.J. and Gertrude R. Valerio of Holden; 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews, in Scotland. She was born in Girvanayreshire, Scotland, daughter of Hugh and Jane (Barnes) Dick and lived in Worcester many years before moving to Millbury where she lived for sixteen years, returning to Worcester four years ago.

Mrs. Crockford was a nurse at the Grafton State Hospital for 10 years, retiring in 1959. She was a member of the Millbury Golden Age and a former member of an American Legion Auxiliary Post in Holden.

A funeral service was held July 27th in Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main Street. Burial was in New Swedish Cemetery, Worcester. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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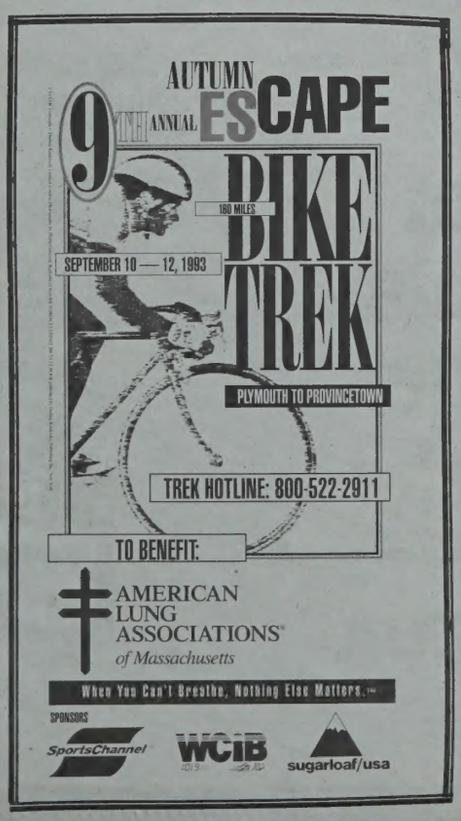


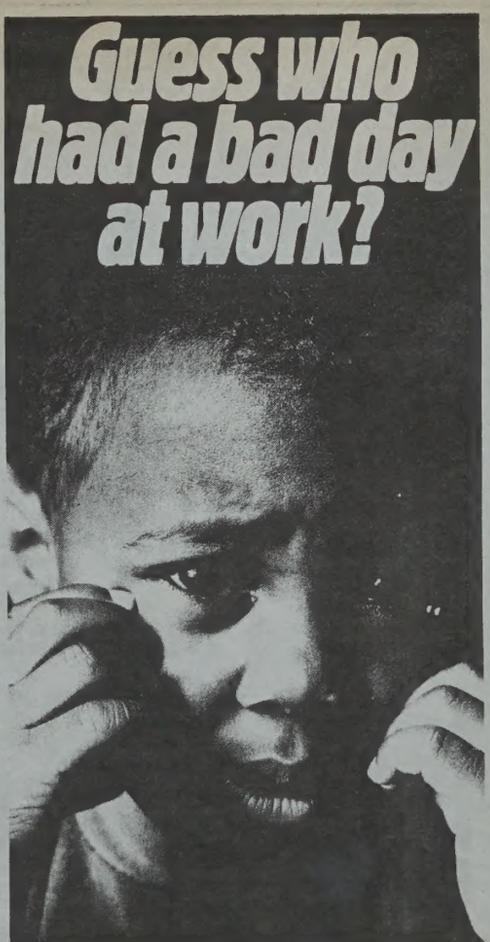
Reflections from the Clergy

This week's "Reflections" was submitted by Sister Sheila Finnigan, of St. Mark's Parish in Sutton.

How adventurous are you? If you were pretty sure that you would not fall on your face, what would you try? What changes would you make? It is summer after all, you certainly can try that high dive, that water skiing attempt you always wanted to take a shot at. What about surfing? You can do that Hawaii 5-0 thing. Maybe you would like to face your boss and ask for that raise, or speak about that inequity, maybe you would like to make some serious changes in your own life that may seem "way out" to your family and friends.

Take a minute or two now to read Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 44 verses 22-33. If you do not have your Bible handy, it is the story about Jesus sending his disciples on ahead of him to the other side of the lake. Jesus had been busy that day multiplying loaves and fishes, he needed time alone to reflect and commune with God. It was a tough night on the lake for the apostles, the ship was tossed around by the wind and the apostles were really frightened. A ghost-like person appeared on the water and the men were afraid. It was Jesus with his greeting of peace, but Peter, the brave, challenged him: "If it is really you, bid me come to you on the water." Jesus did invite him, he walked on the water and then lost his confidence and was terrified that he might drown. In utter panic, he began to sink and begged to be saved. We are a lot like Peter, adventurous, impulsive. Sometimes we jump at opportunities, sometimes we recoil; sometimes we follow the leader, other times we lead the line; sometimes we make wonderful excuses not to answer the call, other times we are brave and follow with great faith and trust.

Where do you find yourself now as you reflect on this story? Maybe you feel like you need time as Jesus did...time to go aside and pray awhile. Or, you might be the trusting one who comes when you are invited to be with Jesus wherever he calls you, or the doubtful one who begins the journey and gives up in fear. Are you like Peter who looks for signs before the leap of faith? Wherever you find yourself, hopefully after the struggle is over your prayer can be truly that of the Apostle: indeed you are the Son of God. Then when you get back in the boat, be sure that Jesus is with you.



Too often, kids get the worst of their parents' bad day at work. In the form of verbal abuse at home. If that's been happening to you, you've got to work to change things. Stop using words that hurt. Start using words that help.

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lem since they would have to be the ones to cut department budgets such as police, sewer and fire.

Spence believes the Town will probably get the $320,000 from the State this year because FY'94 has already begun. If there is a penalty, he believes it would come in FY '95.

When informed of these facts, Neil Newton asked, "Are you saying that if we don't raise the $100,000 to get the $320,000 that we could be in debt for over $600,000 by FY'95?"

The reply was that there was no need to panic, but if the Town does not make an effort to raise the additional money to secure the $320,000, the Cherry Sheets in future years would reflect this. However, Spence noted that all this was up in the air and only speculation at this time. Therefore it was suggested that the three positions, guidance, art and music be held off indefinitely until there are more funds.

Speaking on "School Choice," Spence said that at present there are about 16 to 18 students who have expressed an interest. He noted that sometimes people apply for school choice and when informed that transportation is their responsibility they change their minds.

Assistant Superintendent

The Committee took up the issue of the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent. Under School Reform, the two positions that School Committees vote on are that of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Spence recommended Beverly Brown for the assistant superintendent's position, saying there was not a better person for the job. He said she would be doing curriculum on the K-12 level and her first priority would be grades 6-8.

Victor Kourey asked why grant writing was not listed as a responsibility for the position when it had been listed as a posted criteria.

Spence agreed to include the writing of grants and said that he had complete confidence in Brown's abilities.

The question of Brown's State certification for the position was put forth and Spence said that they were working on it and one of her conditions for employment for the position would be that she be certifiable with the State or that a waiver be obtained to be in effect for no more than a year.

The Committee voted 5-0 to appoint Beverly Brown as the Assistant Superintendent. It was noted that this was not an additional administrative position as there would be one less administrator at the secondary level. This appointment has left vacant the position of Principal at the Elementary level and it was agreed that nothing would be done in haste as they would be advertising the job and wanted the best candidate.

Brown will continue as Principal until the position is filled. Snyder brought up correspondence from a parent concerning a complaint about a staff member. She requested the procedure required to discuss this letter. It was decided that the individual should be informed and given the opportunity to have counsel present when the complaint is considered. The Committee also asked for an opinion from Town Council as to the procedure involved in going into executive session on this matter and whether it can be taken up in open meeting.

The Committee then voted to go into Executive Session to discuss employment for members of the Administration, matters concerning certain personnel and the status of collective bargaining negotiations with the Sutton Teachers Association.

Legislator comments on Ed Reform Bill

BOSTON - Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) commented recently on the Education Reform bill enacted by the Legislature and signed by Governor William Weld. "For the first time in the history of the commonwealth," Kollios said, "we will be equalizing education for all students. State support of public education will double, from an average of 25% to 50% of local schools costs over 7 years, and the bill provides for meeting the costs of inflation. It further establishes performance standards for both students and teachers and periodically measures achievement. School Councils involving parents will keep many curriculum and policy decisions local. We were on a downward spiral in Massachusetts for four years. Budget cuts had resulted in reduced funding for education, dropping us to 50th in the nation, and a lowering of achievement scores. Despite some problem areas with the bill," he continued, "on balance it makes a substantial contribution to improving the education of our children. One major issue will be fulfilling the state's commitment in providing the additional $1.3 billion called for over the next seven years and the source of that funding."

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